



December 19, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply Comments regarding DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

A former State Senator and member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, my colleagues and I were challenged with stretching finite resources as far as we could, to do the most good. Spectrum is like dollars, in that there is just not enough to go around. So, when the opportunity presents itself to share a resource and essentially make it go twice as far, it makes sense to seize that opportunity.

LightSquared has applied for a spectrum reassignment that proposes to share 5 MHz of spectrum licensed to NOAA, which will pave the way for LightSquared's affordable broadband network. I proudly supported a resolution in the state senate calling for better access to broadband – and here is a way the FCC can deliver that access to the hundreds of thousands of Mississippians who lack it.

On behalf of all Mississippians, I urge you to grant LightSquared's application for a spectrum reassignment. Allow them to share spectrum with NOAA, and stretch the limited resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Merle Flowers", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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